

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Christopher M. Gallant et al. Art Unit : 3677
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 22, 2008, enclosed is a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL 85b.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview held on October 10, 2008, during which claim 75 was discussed. A subsequent examiner's amendment to claim 75 was entered to clarify the intended purpose of the overhang feature and no structure was added.

Remarks

Although the Examiner notes reasons for allowance of the pending claims, these reasons are not exhaustive, as additional reasons for allowance exist for the independent and dependent claims.

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